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SUBJECT: YEMEN OFFICIAL IN THE GDR

1. ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-WALI, MEMBER OF THE
POLITICAL COMMISSION OF THE UNITED POLITICAL
ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL FRONT(UNFPO) AND
MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY OF THE
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN VISITED
EAST BERLIN FROM SEPTEMBER 15-19. WALI MET WITH
CHAIRMAN OF THE GDR STATE COUNCIL HONECKER,
PRIME MINISTER STOPH, FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER,
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AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER SOELLE.

2. THE ADN ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING WITH HONECKER
AS CARRIED IN THE LOCAL PRESS STRESSES BOTH
GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT AND PARTY TO PARTY
TIES. HONECKER IS PARAPHRASED AS SAYING THAT THE
SED AND GDR WOULD REMAIN STEADFAST WITH THE

ARAB PEOPLES IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST
IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM AND REACTION, AND FOR
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND
AS ADVOCATING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ALL
OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, AND THE QUICK CONVENING
OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE WITH EQUAL
PARTICIPATION BY THE PLO. HONECKER AND WALI
EMPHASIZED THAT, IN THE FACE OF THE SITUATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA, ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES MUST STAND
TOGETHER AGAINST IMPERIALIST PLOTS AND ALL
DISPUTED ISSUES SHOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEABLY.

3. THE GDR AND PEOPLE'S EPUBLIC OF YEMEN
SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 19 ON FURTHER
ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION.
THE DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED BY HORST SOELLE, MINISTER
OF TRADE, AND WEALI. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN

4. THE GDR AND YEMEN HAVE DEVELOPED WHAT APPEAR
TO BE FAIRLY CLOSE RELATIONS BOTH ON THE
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AND ON THE PARTY
LEVEL. THE GDR AND YEMEN SIGNED A LONG-TERM
AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
ON DECEMBER 9, 1974 AND A PROTOCOL ON
SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN 1975 AND 1976.
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THE GDR HAS PROVIDED AID IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH
AND AGRICULTURE.

5. PRIME MINISTER STOPH VISITED YEMEN IN
SEPTEMBER 1976. WERNER LAMBERZ MEMBER OF THE SED
POLITBURO VISITED YEMEN IN JUNE 1977 AND SIGNED
AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE SED AND THE UNFPO FOR THE YEAR 1977-78
WHICH PROVIDED FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS,
ASSISTANCE FOR CADRE DEVELOPMENT AND EXCHANGE
OF TEACHERS.

6. COMMENT. THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF THE GDR
REPRESENTATIVES, AT LEAST AS PUBLISHED
LOCALLY, REVEAL NO CHANGES IN POLICY. THE
APPEAL TO ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES TO STAND
TOGETHER AND FOR ALL DISPUTES TO BE RESOLVED
PEACEABLY PRESUMABLY REFERS TO ETHIOPIA-SOMALI
CLASH. THROUGH THIS VISIT, THE GDR CONTINUES
TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR "PROGRESSIVE" RADICAL
REGIMES AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ITS APPARENT
SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AREA.

END COMMENT. BOLEN

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